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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$153,000 COMPLAINT TO THE CITY OF CHICO, CHICO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

REDDING - The Central Valley Water Board Assistant Executive Officer issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint in the amount of \$153,000 to the City of Chico for violations of a Waste Discharge Requirements Order, which was issued by the Central Valley Water Board on June 4, 2004. The Order prescribes requirements for the Chico Water Pollution Control Plant operated by the City of Chico.

The violations are associated with two discharges of partially-treated sewage that occurred in May and June of 2008. Approximately 4.7 million gallons of secondary treated effluent, which was not disinfected, was discharged to the Sacramento River between May 16 and 17, 2008. Again, on June 15, 2008, approximately 113,000 gallons of secondary treated effluent, which was not disinfected, was discharged to the Sacramento River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources and may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on June 11 or 12, 2009.